

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

June 5, 1997

LB 55, 90, 90A, 91, 99, 232, 752

need a payment plan. I have a special problem. I lost my job. I've been sick. That option is always open to you. You also have the option of going in and requesting permanent decreases in your child support on the basis that your job no longer pays you "x" number of dollars...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...a month but pays you less each month. You do not, by the way, though have the option of saying my new family's kids needs the support more than my old family's kids. And I think if you got into a policy discussion on that you would all agree that a man's first responsibility is to the kids that he has fathered and who were the first and primary draw on his responsibility. So I think that there are answers to problems that have been suggested. I think they are the best answers that we can have. They're not perfect answers, but I feel very strongly that given all the constrictions that we have from the federal government, the constrictions of expediency in truly having an effective mechanism to deal with this massive problem, in the context of all those constrictions, this is a very reasonable bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LB 55, LB 90, LB 90A, LB 91, LB 99, and LB 232. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I'd like to visit with Senator Chambers a little bit if I could, please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers, will you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Chambers, I've asked a number of questions about this legislation and I haven't gotten the answers yet and I'm hoping maybe you can give me some of those answers. We have in place today child support payments that are placed on the noncustodial parents by the courts. Is that right?